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SUBJ: CSCE: SENIOR QUAI OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON

BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE

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1. DURING CURRENT VISIT TO FRANCE (SEPTTEL), QUAI EURO-
PEAN DIRECTOR ANDREANI SUGGESTED, IN MEETING WITH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF
WEST COULD SOMEHOW PREEMPT PREDICTABLE SOVIET INITIATIVES
ALONG LINES BREZHNEV'S PROPOSALS, AT CSCE BELGRADE REVIEW
CONFERENCE, EITHER BY DEALING WITH THEM IN ADVANCE OR BY
HAVING SOME USEFUL COUNTERPROPOSALS ON SUBJECTS OF ITS
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2. HARTMAN USED OPENING TO EXPLAIN TO ANDREANI THAT THIS WAS PRECISELY THE REASON WHY WEST MUST NOW GET EARLY START ON CSCE PLANNING, SINCE STAGE IS MORE AND MORE LIKELY TO BE SET FOR US THE LONGER WE WAIT. ON OTHER HAND, CSCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR NOT IMPRESSIVE. IT WILL THEREFORE BE DIFFICULT, AT LEAST IN US, TO SELL ANY MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES BEFORE MORE PROGRESS IS MADE ON IMPLEMENTATION FINAL ACT ITSELF.

3. ANDREANI FULLY AGREED. IN SPITE PREDICTABLE PRESURES FROM YUGSLAVS, ROMANIANS AND EUROPEAN NEUTRALS, FRENCH CONSIDER THAT PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE TO REVIEW CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. PRECISELY BECOUSE NOT MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SINCE HELSINKI, CSCE PROCESS WILL ALSO NEED TIME FOR FURTHER EVOLUTION. FOR ALL THSES REASONS FRENCH THINK BELGRADE SHOULD DECIDE ON NOTHING NEW, PARTICULARLY SHOULD ESTABLISH NO NEW INSTITUTIONS, BUT MIGHT RESULT IN AGREEMENT TO A FURTHER REVIEW CONFERENCE, PERHAPS AT VIENNA, TWO YEARS LATER.

4. ANDREANI RECOGNIZED THAT ALL THIS WOULD REQUIRE CONTINUED WESTERN CONSULTATION, BUT SUGGESTED AGAIN (REFS A AND B) THAT, ESPECIALLY AS CSCE ISSUE BECOMES MORE ACTIVE, WE SHOULD EXCHANGE VIEWS BILATERALLY BEFORE MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE IN NATO.

5. COMMENT: ANDREANI'S STATEMENT OF FRENCH OBJECTIVES FOR BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE IN PARA 3 IS CLEAREST WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR. IT SUGGESTS FRENCH MAY NOT RENEW BRUISING FIGHT WITH NEUTRALS ON QUESTION OF FURTHER REVIEW CONFERENCES WHICH HAD CHARACTERIZED "FOLLOW-UP" NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST NEUTRAL INITIATIVES TO ESTABLISH NEW CSCE INSTITUTIONS UNDER CSCE AEGIS. FOR THE PRESENT THIS STRIKES US AS A REASONABLY HELPFUL STARTING POSITION.
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